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 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

12 HAN ZHANG,)
 Plaintiff,) No. C 07-6167 JCS
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 14 v.)
 15 MICHAEL MUKASEY, United States)
 Attorney General;)
 16 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the)
 Department of Homeland Security;)
 17 EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of United)
 States Citizenship and Immigration Services;)
 18 ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of)
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,)
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 Defendants.)
 20 _____)
 JOINT REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT
 FROM THE FORMAL ADR PROCESS

21 Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute
 22 Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR
 23 Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options
 24 provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of
 25 them.

26 Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this
 27 mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff's request that this Court decide his application for
 28 naturalization. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR

1 will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly,
2 pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option
3 Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further
4 formal ADR process.

5 Dated: February 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

6 JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO
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8 /s/
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10 Attorneys for Defendants

11 Dated: February 21, 2008

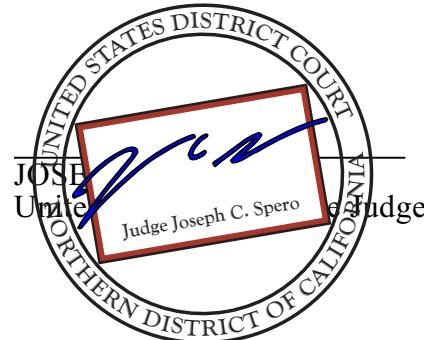
12 /s/
JUSTIN FOK
Attorney for Plaintiff

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ORDER

14 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Date: Feb. 25, 2008



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28 ¹I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any
signatures indicated by a "conformed" signature (/S/) within this efiled document.

ADR CERTIFICATION
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